



# Digi XBee3<sup>®</sup>

## USB Adapter

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### User Guide

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The XBee3 USB Adapter is not a toy and should only be used under adult supervision.

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- Product name and model
- Product serial number (s)
- Firmware version
- Operating system/browser (if applicable)
- Logs (from time of reported issue)
- Trace (if possible)
- Description of issue
- Steps to reproduce

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# About the XBee3 USB Adapter

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Digi’s XBee3 USB Adapter is an easy-to-use USB to XBee Wireless Personal Area Network (WPAN) adapter, providing local connectivity to wireless networks. Simply plug the XBee3 USB Adapter into the USB port of a laptop or PC for instant access to an Digi XBee network and its connected devices. This compact, USB-powered wireless adapter enables local network configuration, diagnostics or device monitoring.

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## **Compatibility with other XBee devices**

The XBee3 USB Adapter can be programmed with Zigbee, 802.15.4, or DigiMesh 2.4 firmware. If your network does not operate on the same protocol that the XBee3 USB Adapter is programmed with, it will not be able to connect to your network. You can change the firmware on the XBee3 USB Adapter through XCTU.

## **LEDs**

Characters sent from the computer to the XBee3 USB Adapter through DIN illuminate the white LED.

Characters sent from the XBee3 USB Adapter to the computer through DOUT illuminate the yellow LED.

The XBee Associate/DIO5 line is connected to the Blue LED. It indicates whether the XBee3 USB Adapter is powered and its network association status. This LED functions differently depending on the RF protocol for the product, or you can configure it.

# Technical specifications

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The following tables provide general specifications for the XBee3 USB Adapter.

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## Environmental specifications

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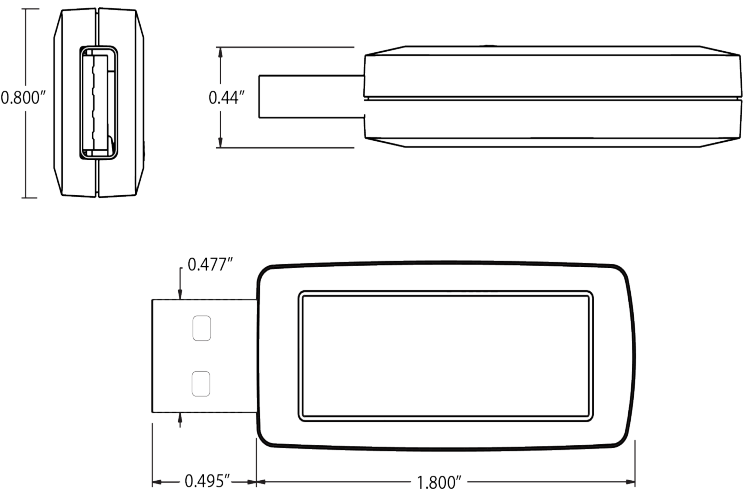
Specification	Value
Operating temperature	-40°C to +85°C (-40°F to +185°F)
Relative humidity	5% to 95% (non-condensing)

## Power requirements

The following table describes the power requirements for the XBee3 USB Adapter.

Specification	Value
Supply voltage	5V ( $\pm 0.25$ V) from USB port of PC <sup>1</sup>
Operating current (transmit, typical)	45 mA
Operating current (receive, typical)	26 mA
Power-down current, typical	Do not put the XBee3 USB Adapter into sleep mode.

## Dimensions



The following table provides the dimensions for the XBee3 USB Adapter.

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<sup>1</sup>USB port needs to be SELV limited supply, meeting the USB1 Implementers Forum specification.



Specification	Value
Length	2.29 in (5.83 cm)
Width	0.80 in (2.03 cm)
Height	0.44 in (1.12 cm)

## RF operation specifications

The following table describes the RF operation specifications for the XBee3 USB Adapter.

Specification	Value
Operating frequency band	2.4 GHz ISM
Connector	USB Type A
Antenna options	Internal antenna only

## RF performance specifications

The following table describes the RF performance specifications for the XBee3 USB Adapter.

Specification	Value
Outdoor RF line-of-sight Range	600 m
XBee3 Transmit Power Output (nominal 25°C)	6.3 mW (8 dBm)
RF data rate	250 kb/s
Serial interface data rate (software selectable)	1200 b/s - 921.6 kb/s
XBee3 receiver sensitivity	-103 dBm

## Networking and security specifications

The following table describes the networking and security specifications for the XBee3 USB Adapter.

Specification	Value
Supported network topologies	DigiMesh, 802.15.4, Zigbee
Number of channels (software selectable)	16
Addressing options	PAN, Channel, and address

## Regulatory conformity summary

Approval	
United States (FCC Part 15.247)	Approved, contains FCC ID: MCQ-XBEE3
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)	Approved, contains IC: 1846A-XBEE3
European compliance	CE marked

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## Connect the XBee3 USB Adapter

Plug the XBee3 USB Adapter into the USB connector of a PC. Do not use a USB extension cable.

The XBee3 USB Adapter requires a device driver, **FT232R**. To download this device driver, go to [ftdichip.com/drivers/vcp.htm](http://ftdichip.com/drivers/vcp.htm) and select the download appropriate for your operating system.

The USB connection is converted to UART communications and are connected to DIN, DOUT, RTS, CTS and DTR of the XBee3 device.

## Programming options

There are many options to consider when making wireless programmatic access to an XBee network of devices or device adapters. In broad terms, you can write a program which runs on a computer to interact with a network or you can use a gateway device.

When using a computer, consider using Command mode for the XBee device attached to the computer. Although using this mode is straight forward it does not offer you as fine of control as when using the API mode option.

You can also use Digi Remote Manager to program the XBee3 USB Adapter; see the [Digi Remote Manager Programming Guide](#).

## Configure the XBee3 USB Adapter

For information on configuring the XBee3 USB Adapter, see the user guide for the protocol you are running:

- [XBee3 DigiMesh 2.4 RF Module User Guide](#)
- [XBee3 802.15.4 RF Module User Guide](#)
- [XBee3 Zigbee RF Module User Guide](#)

## Hardware reset

There is no external access to the hardware reset pin on the XBee3 USB Adapter. If a hardware reset is required, hold the UART break line for an extended time to hardware reset the XBee3 USB Adapter. Hardware reset will occur between 4 and 20 seconds.

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## FCC notices

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## ISED notices

This device contains licence-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's licence-exempt RSS(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause interference.
2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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2. L'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

## Europe (CE)

The XBee3 RF Module has been tested for use in several European countries. For a complete list, see [digi.com/resources/certifications](http://digi.com/resources/certifications).

## **Declarations of conformity**

Digi has issued Declarations of Conformity for the XBee3 RF Modules concerning emissions, EMC, and safety. For more information, see [digi.com/resources/certifications](https://digi.com/resources/certifications).